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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1944

Town Clerk		-							
EFFIE T. SWINDELL	Term	expires	1946						
C 1									
Selectmen									
DONALD A. RUTHERFORD		expires							
JOHN M. MORAN		expires							
LEONARD A. HARDY	Term	expires	1947						
Assessors									
JOHN M. MORAN	Term	expires	1945						
ARTHUR WEBB		expires							
WINTHROP H. BOYD	Term	expires	1947						
Board of Public Welfare									
DONALD C. AGAR	Term	expires	1945						
DONALD A. RUTHERFORD		expires							
ALICE DANIELS		expires							
School Committee									
GEORGE W. DEAN	Term	expires	1945						
MARY P. CRAWFORD		expires							
LEONE B. DANIELS		expires							
Library Trustees									
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL	Term	expires	1945						
DONALD A. RUTHERFORD		expires							
MINNIE A. NEWTON	Term	expires	1947						
Cemetery Committee									
ARTHUR WEBB	Term	expires	1945						
CLARENCE L. GRIMES	Term	expires	1946						
WALTER A. WOOD	Term	expires	1947						
Moderator									
GEORGE W. DEAN	Term	expires	1945						

Tax Collector

1 ax Collector	
CLARA A. LINCOLN	Term expires 1945
Treasurer	
CLARA A. LINCOLN	Term expires 1945
Auditor	
DOROTHY A. GALLANT	Term expires 1945
Tree Warden	2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
	Trans
WILLIAM ZUKUS	Term expires 1945
Fence Viewers	
ALFRED B. MORSE	Term expires 1945
A. NEWELL FELTON	Term expires 1945
ASA A. SHEPHERD	Term expires 1945
Constables	
DONALD C. AGAR	Term expires 1945
ALWYN P. BECKWITH	Term expires 1945
WINTHROP H. BOYD	Term expires 1945
ROBERT C. DWELLY	Term expires 1945
LEONARD C. HARDY	Term expires 1945
WILLIAM ZUKUS	Term expires 1945
Measurers of Wood an	d Bark
LUDWICK SZCSUKA	Term expires 1945
HENRY BUTLER	Term expires 1945
DONALD C. AGAR	Term expires 1945
Measurers of Luml	ber
WALTER A. WOODIS	Term expires 1945
ALFRED B. MORSE	Term expires 1945
SYLVESTER R. DEAN	Term expires 1945
Field Drivers	
LEONARD A. HARDY	Term expires 1945
J. FRED ALLEN	Term expires 1945
JEROME MURPHY	Term expires 1945
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APPOINTED

Cattle Inspector

ELMER V. NEWTON

Meats and Provisions

ELMER V. NEWTON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

DONALD A. RUTHERFORD

Fire Warden

RALPH I. DANIELS

Moth Superintendent

WALTER B. GREEN

Burial Agent

ARTHUR WEBB

Janitor of Hall

WINTHROP H. BOYD

Janitor of Library

CARL M. WHEELER

Dog Officer

WILLARD C. RUTHERFORD

School Superintendent

JAMES R. CHILDS

List of Jurors

CHARLES R. DEAN, Machinist
WORTH J. PARSONS
EVERETT W. MANN, Machinist
A. NEWELL FELTON

WALTER A. WOODIS, Retired Farmer

PETER J. WHITE, Carpenter

Report of TOWN CLERK

VITAL RECORDS FOR 1944

BIRTHS

Feb. 9—Susan Ann Barr, daughter of Stephen L. and Yvonne A. (Snay) Barr.

Feb. 11—Richard Allen Chestna, son of Alphonse C. and Ethel B. (Collins) Chestna.

May 10—Robert William Mann, son of Everett W. and Esther R. (LaCount) Mann.

June 4—Karen Elizabeth Snay, daughter of Laural I. and Rose E. (DuBois) Snay.

June 5—Donna Marie Chestna, daughter of Adam E. and Ruth (Hayes) Chestna.

July 29—Beverly Ruth Crawford, daughter of H. Roscoe and Marguerite (Donovan) Crawford.

Aug. 1—Judith Wareing, daughter of William N. and Shirley T. (Bears) Wareing.

MARRIAGES

- Jan. 6—William C. Dermody, Oakham, and Bernadette N. Gauvin, Fitchburg.
- Jan. 22—LeRoy C. Spinney, Barre, and Mary E. Troy, Oakham.
- June 11—Philip E. Dwelly, Oakham, and Myrtle A. Keddy, Barre.
- July 1—David Kessler, Barre, and Gladys M. Stone, Oakham.
- Aug. 23—Harry E. Whitcomb, North Brookfield, and Doleres P. George, Worcester.
- Aug. 26—George E. Lackey, Oakham, and Beverly T. Brooks, Worcester.

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DEAT	HS Y.	Μ,	D
Jan. 1—Lucille Crawford Feb. 29—Erban W. Robinson July 16—Albert E. LaCount Aug. 12—Marion Knight Loring	1 66 26	6 0 0 6	D. 0 0 0 7
NON-RESIDENTS BUI	RIED IN OAKH.	AM	
	Υ.	м.	D.
Apr. 8, 1937—Ella S. Lord, Hayv Dec. 31, 1942—James W. Lord, H Feb. 11, 1944—Frank C. Reed, S May 17, 1944—Fannie Stoddard, June 23, 1944—Frank E. Ross, C July 31, 1944—Mrs. Lizzie M. (C	Hayward, Cal. 81 Springfield 80 Chicopee 86 Dakland, Cal. 71	0 4 11 0 9	0 7 21 0 9
lard, Medford Sept. 2, 1944—Rev. John G. Van Sept. 28, 1944—Mrs. Cora I. Van Nov. 11, 1944—Miss Emily K. Fo	ce, Orange 78 1ce, Orange 72	11 11 O	5 15 0
Worcester	76	8	23
DOG LICE	ENSES		
69 Males @ \$2.00 9 Females @ \$5.00 16 Spays @ \$2.00	\$138 00 45 00 32 00	\$ 215	00
SPORTING L	ICENSES	Ψ 210	
Fishing @ \$2.00 Hunting @ \$2.00 Sporting @ \$3.25 Women's and Minors, @ \$1. Trapping Military Sp. Licenses Free (over 70)	\$ 44 00 30 00 84 50 8 75 5 25		
		\$ 172	50
Respectfully s	ubmitted		

Respectfully submitted,

EFFIE T. SWINDELL,

Town Clerk

Report of BOARD OF SELECTMEN

	_	Town Clerk						
Paid	Effie T. Swindell	TOWIT CACIA	\$	85	00	\$	85	00
		Selectmen	,					
Paid	John M. Moran		\$	100				
	Donald A. Ruther Leonard A. Hardy				00	\$	250	00
		Assessors		. ~		Т		
Paid	John M. Moran	Assessors	\$	125	00			
	Winthrop H. Boyo	1	Τ	75	00		077	00
	Arthur Webb			75	00	\$	275	00
		Treasurer		200		. 40-	200	0.0
Paid	Clara A. Lincoln		\$	300	00	\$	300	00
		Collector						
Paid	Clara A. Lincoln		\$	250	00	\$	250	00
		Auditor						
Paid	Dorothy R. Gallan	t	\$	75	00	\$	75	00
		Moderator						
Paid	George W. Dean		\$	5	00	\$	5	00
	Reg	istrars of Vo	ters					
Paid	Effie T. Swindell	r 1	\$	26				
	Donald A. Ruther: John M. Moran	tord			00			
	Leonard Hardy				00		•	
	Sylvester R. Dean			2	00	\$	54	00
Ballot Clerks and Tellers								
Paid	Margaret Bechan		\$		00			
	Florence Bullard Vera Dean				00			
	Alice Green				00			
	Evelyn Grimes			15	00			

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	Irma Hardy Agnes Moran Minnie White Margaret Tro	y	6 00 6 00 3 00 3 00	\$	60	00	
	A	Appropriation \$1,325.00 Reserve Fund \$29.00		\$	1,354	00	
	Tr.	own Officers' Supplies					
Paid	For Supplies	Appropriation \$150.00		\$	95	72	6
: Paid	Gardner Electi	Street Lights ric Light Co. Appropriation \$384 00		\$	384	00	
Paid	Sealer Donald A. Rut	of Weights and Meas herford Appropriation \$10.00	sures	\$	10	00	L
Paid	Willard Ruther	Dog Officer rford Appropriation \$15.00		\$	15	00	4
;		Police Department			,		
Paid	Donald Agar Walter B. Gre	\$,	46 50 6 00	\$,52	50	
		Printing					
Paid	For Printing	Appropriation \$175.00		\$	110	18	
	R	onding Town Officers					
Paid	Healy Bros.	Appropriation \$45.00		\$	36	75	
		Abatements					
Paid	Excise Tax Ab			\$	4	86	
		Schools					
Paid	For Support of A	f Schools ppropriation \$11,000.00)	\$ 1	10,316	80	
		Cemeteries					
Paid	Care of Cemet			\$	347	72	

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	Cemetery Trust Fund	ls ·	· .		
for	okfield Savings Bank J. Etta Bullard lot \$ okfield Savings Bank	100 00			
for	Grimes Lot	100 00	\$	200	00
	Board of Welfare				
Paid For Suppo	ort of Poor		\$	151	37
	Appropriation \$500.00)			
	Library				
Paid For Suppor	•	•	\$	516	62
) ₁	Appropriation \$450.00				
	Dog Tax Refund \$173. Interest on Legacies \$7.				
		,		·	
D=1.1 T21 37 7	Inspection of Provisio	ns	ď	15	
Paid Elmer V. I	Newton Appropriation \$35.00		\$	15	00
		,			
	Inspection of Barns	./		-	,
Paid Elmer V. N		V	\$	6	09
	Appropriation \$35.00				
	Insurance on Old Town	Hall			
Paid Frank A. S			\$	15	00
	Appropriation \$15.00				
	nsurance on Public Buil				
	Smith & Son, Library \$ Sley Kingsbury, New Too	100 86			
House		17 70	\$	118	56
	Appropriation \$125.00)			
	Employees' Insurance	e			
Faid Frank A. S	Smith & Son	• •	\$	534	35
	Appropriation \$550.00)			
	Care of Hall				
	H. Boyd, Janitor \$ lectric Light Co. Appropriation \$300.00	120 00 62 74	\$	182	74

	State and County Tax						
State Count Count	Tax Parks and Reservatio Audit ty Tax ty Hospital Tax ty Dog Tax	205 727 270	31 46 05 25	\$	2,265	07	
	Tree War	den					
Pat F Henry	aw Smichinski Ryan y Butler am Zukus Appropriation	24 14 6	00 00 40 70	\$. 57	10	
	Federal Withho	lding Tax					
Paid U. S.		7		\$	712	0-1	
	ROAD	>					
	Chapter	81					
Paid For L Mate	Labor and Machinery rials Town Appropriati State Allotment	on \$1,150.00	58	\$	6,899	63	
Paid For L Mate	Labor and Machinery rial Town Appropriati County Allotmen State Allotment	1,868 on \$1,400.00 t \$1,200.00		\$	3,798	66	
	Opening and San	ding Roads					
Paid Labor	Appropriation S			\$	2,741	67	
	77 7 7 7 7	· The second sec					

Road Machinery

\$ 1,608 38 Paid Supplies and Repairs Transferred from Machinery Account \$3,000 00

Aid to Dependent Children

Paid Aid to Dependent Children 63 00 \$ Town Appropriation \$500.00 U. S. Federal Grants \$357.91

Old Age Assistance Relief

Paid For Old Age Assistance \$ 6,349 30	
For Old Age Assist. Administration 9 40	\$ 6,358 70
Town Appropriation \$4,200.00	,
U. S. Federal Grants \$2,980.90	
U. S. Federal Grants Adms. \$454.48	

Miscellaneous

Paid	Boston Council of Social		
	Agencies	\$ 3 00	
	Association of Massachusetts		1
	Assessors	6 00	* .
	Worcester County Selectmen's	,	
	Association	9 00	
	Milton O. Thompson	13 20	
	Donald A. Rutherford	10 00	
	Sawyer Lumber Co.	26 37	
	Effie T. Swindell, Town Clerks'		
	Association	3 00	
	Willard Rutherford	1 00	
	Conant & Parker Tel. Co.	45 54	\$ 117 11
	Appropriation \$100	0.00	•

Appropriation \$100.00 Reserve Fund \$17.11

Fire Department

Paid	John Wilder	\$	5 00
	Peter White	,	7 20
	William Zukus		7 20
	Barre Plains Fire Department		64 50
	Percy Wilbur		42 60
	Russell Dean		7 20
	Lawrence Wilkins		8 10
	William Parsons		11 10
	Waclaw Smichinski		2 10
	Ralph I. Daniels		13 20
	Town of North Brookfield		48 00
	Leonard A. Hardy		5 40
	Ralph Wilbur		5 40
	Waite Hardware Co.		23 76
	Lucius Holton		4 00
	Edward O. Hunt		7 00
	Weikko Nahkala		10 80
	Willard B. Wilson		3 00
	Allison Neeley		2 40

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Willard Rutherford Donald C. Agar Appropriation \$300.00 Reserve Fund \$8.16	7 20 23 00	\$ 308 16
War Bond, Chapter 5 Acts of	F 1943	
Paid For War Bond Appropriation \$1,000.00		\$ 1,000 00
Honor Roll	~	
Paid John P. Day Appropriation \$200.00		\$ 75 00
Flag		
Paid Denholm & McKay Co. \$ Reformatory for Women Appropriation \$50.00	14 22 9 10	\$ 23 32
		\$ 40,882 80
Reserve Fund		
Transferred to Police Department \$ Transferred to Town Officers Transferred to Miscellaneous Transferred to Fire Department Appropriation \$600.00	2 50 29 00 17 11 8 16	\$ 56 77
Paid Denholm & McKay Co. \$ Reformatory for Women Appropriation \$50.00 Reserve Fund Transferred to Police Department \$ Transferred to Town Officers Transferred to Miscellaneous Transferred to Fire Department	9 10 2 50 29 00 17 11	\$ 40,882 80

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. MORAN

DONALD A. RUTHERFORD

LEONARD A. HARDY

Selectmen of Oakham

Report of TOWN TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR 1944

	Receip	ots	Pa	id Out	,
Jan. 1—Cash on Hand	\$ 22,718	76			
Excise Tax Abatement	,		\$	4 86	
Aid to Dependent Children	136	12	·	63-00	
Bonding, Healy Bros., overcharged	2	50		36 75	
Board of Public Welfare				151 37	
Care of Hall, Rent from Grange	27	50		182 74	
Cemeteries, Annual Care	60	00		347 72	
Cemeteries, Perpetual Care	206	00			
Received for Permanent Fund	200	00			
Com. of Mass. Highways	6,797	38		1	
Com. of Mass. Met. Water Supply	,			· · ·	
Commission for 1943	621				
Com. of Mass. School Fund	1,911				
Com. of Mass., High School Tuition	1,780	40			
Com. of Mass., High School	1 502	22			
Transportation	1,593		,		
Com. of Mass., Vocational Education		60			
Com. of Mass., Supt. of Small Towns					
Com. of Mass., Income Tax	1,599	UU			
Com. of Mass., Corporation Tax Business	378	36			
Com. of Mass., Highway Fund,	0,0	00			
Acts of 1943	2,669	64			
Com. of Mass., Loss of Taxes	165				
Com. of Mass., Corporation Tax	521	85			
County of Worcester, 1943 Dog Tax					
Refund	173	58			
County of Worcester, On Highways	1,199	55			

County of Worcester, T. B. Tax,			
Hospital			270 27
County of Worcester, County Tax			727 05
Com. of Mass., State Tax			1,847 00
Com. of Mass., Parks and Reservations			17 31
Com. of Mass., Auditing Accounts			205 46
Dog Officer			15 00
Dog Tax from Town Clerk	198	00	198 00
Fire Department			308 16
Insurance, Employees	329	53	534 35
Insurance, Library			100 86
Insurance, ¼ Old Town Hall			15 00
Insurance, Tool House			17 70
Library, Received for Fines	6	97	
Library, Int. on S. Dean Legacy for Boo	ks 75	04	516 62
Inspection of Barns			6 09
Inspection of Meats			15 00
Memorial Day			9 50
Moth Suppression			278 20
Old Age Assistance			6,200 77
For Services	9,844	99	90 00
For Administration			9 40
For Out of Town	341	02	58 53
For Checks Returned		00	
Police			52 50
Painting, Old Town Hall			100 00
Printing			110 18
Com. of Mass., O. A. A.	2,234	07	
Com. of Mass., O. A. A. Meal Tax	159		
Purchasing and Maintenance			1,608 38
Machinery Rental	1,800	25	,
Roads, Chapter 81, Labor	,		4,674 01
Roads, Chapter 81, Material			2,225 58
Roads, Chapter 90, Maintenance, Labor			1,929 75
Roads, Chapter 90, Maintenance Materia	ι1		1,868 91
Sealer of Weights and Measures		80	10 00
Schools			10,316 80
Snow Removal			2,741 67
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Street Lights			384	00
Town Officers' Supplies			95	72
Town Officers			1,353	02
Tree Warden			57	10
U. S. Bonds, Interest	12	50	1,000	00
Miscellaneous			117	11
R. G. Fullam, Bal. on Tractor and Sto	ck 10	00		
Albert Briggs, Board of Health		50		
Worcester Central Court	3	00	•	
D. A. Rutherford, Issuing Licenses to	Carry			
Revolvers, 1943 and 1944	6	50		
Withholding Tax	711	54	<i>7</i> 11	54
Deposit in Savings Bank, Cemetery				
Perpetual Care Fund			200	00
Taxes and Interest	14,541	32		
Honor Roll			- 98	32
	\$ 66,348	58	\$ 40,882	80
Balance on Hand			\$ 22,465	78
Alden Fund, Jan. 1, 1945, 181 Shares, I	nterest		\$ 1,632	38

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA A. LINCOLN,

Treasurer

Report of SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

AMOUNT EXPENDED ON ROADS IN THE TOWN OF OAKHAM IN 1944

Chapter 81 Allotment	\$ 6,900 00
Chapter 90 Maintenance Allotment	3,800 00
Total	\$ 10,700 00

AMOUNT EXPENDED ON EACH ROAD

No. Road		Amount
1—North Brookfield	\$	•
2—New Braintree		458 66
3—East Hill		63 66
4—Hubbardston		
5—Caldwell		·
6—Pine Plain		
7—Poverty Square		4 4 1 2 4 2
8—Coldbrook		1,172 46
9—Wares Corner		487 73
10—Robinson		23 60
11—Parmenter		47 00
12—Sanders		72 95
13—South	,	87 10
14—Spencer		569 69
15—Flint		
16—Bechan		1,369 84
17—Lupa		530 65
18—Crawford		255 10
19—Whitehall		
20—Old Turnpike Extension		
21—Old Turnpike		886 75
22—Rutland		268 70
23—Swindell		35 00
24—Hapgood		45 00
25—Sargents Lane		
26—Stone		128 00
27—Rutherford		32 90

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28—Lincoln 29—Maple Street 30—Barre 31—Daniels 32—Bullard 33—Edson 34—Happy Hollow 35—Hunt 36—Adams 37—George Lane 38—J. Gaffney 39—Scott 40—Crocker Nye 41—Whitney 42—Gilboy Road 43—Common Drive 44—Town Hall Drive 45—Town Garage Drive	T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-T-	593 30 207 50 396 80 246 00 47 40 30 00 216 70 401 50 101 00 120 85 128 35 57 05 106 85 4 00 27 50 4 00			
Total Allotment Total Road Expenditure			,	10, 70 0 10,698	
Balance			\$	1	71
Chapter 81 Maint	enai	nce			
Chapter 81 State Allotment Chapter 81 Town Allotment			\$	5,750 1,150	
Total Expended on Labor Expended on Machinery Rental Expended on Material	\$	2,236 20 2,437 85 2,225 58	\$	6,900	00
Total Expenditure			\$	6,899	63
Balance			\$		37
Chapter 90 Maint	ena	nce		,	
State Allotment Town Allotment County Allotment			\$	1,200 1,400 1,200	00
Total Expended on Labor	\$	1,293 60	\$.	3,800	00

Expended on Machinery Rental Expended on Material		771 1,733				
Total Expenditure				\$	3,798	66
Balance				\$	1	3.4
Opening and Sanding	R	oads				
Town Allotment Expended on Labor and Machinery Rental and Material	9	\$2,741	67	\$	3,500	00
Balance				\$	758	33
Machinery Fun	d					
1943 Balance on Machinery Fund Taken in on Machinery Rental in 1944	4			\$	1,200 1,800	
Total Fund Transferred to Machinery Account Expanded for Maintenance and	\$	3,000	00	\$	3,000	36
Expended for Maintenance and Purchasing		1,608	38			
Balance in Account Balance in Fund and Account	\$	1,391	62	\$	1,391	98
Amount Expended for Labor	r o	n Hig	hwa	ys	ŕ	
H. N. Butler P. J. Ryan Robert Briggs Percy Wilbur Walter Tucker Waclaw Smichinski George Stone James Parsons Philip Dwelly Bruno Pesicky Alvin Beckwith Ralph Downer Samuel Petraccone B. J. Uracuis Ralph Young Charles Dean Donald Uracuis Ronald Wilkins	\$	1,365 737 427 93 147 296 4 47 58 7 3 6 1 1 7	65 40 30 60 00			

Lawrence Wilkins	6	00
Russell Dean	18	60
Leonard Hardy	256	80
Bradford Wilbur	4	80
Harry Reed	234	60
Daniel Leno	2	40
Richard Neeley	224	60
Albert Rock	271	80
Gerald Agar	146	40
Walter Madsen	48	80
William Wareing	4	80
Robert Szizuki	6	60

Total

\$ 4,839 59

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY N. BUTLER,

Superintendent of Streets

Report of TAX COLLECTOR

Balance on Poll Taxes, 1942 Interest	\$	6	00 15	\$ 6 15
Cash Abatement Jan. 1, 1945, Unpaid Balance Due	\$	2	15 00 00	\$ 6 15
1944 Balance on 1942 Excise Taxes Cash Received	\$		00	
Balance Due Jan. 1, 1944 Interest	\$		30 99	
Cash Received		92	29	\$ 92 29
1942 Real Estate and Personal Interest	\$	1,126 70	84 32	\$ 1,197 16
Cash Received Balance Due		1,158	51 65	\$ 38 65
1943				
Balance Due Jan. 1, 1944, Poll Interest	\$	14	00 12	\$ 14 12
Cash Received Balance Due	germani		12 00	\$ 6 00
Balance Due, Jan. 1, 1944, Excise Received Cash Balance Due	\$	8	00 00 00	\$ 2 00
Balance Due Jan. 1, 1944, Personal Interest	\$	798 10	20 77	\$ 808 97
Cash Received Balance Due	gananne	503 305		\$ 305 82

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1944			
Commitments, Excise Interest	\$	502 16 24	\$ 502 40
Cash Received Balance Due		451 29 51 11	\$ 51 11
Poll Tax Assessments Demands Interest	\$	284 00 1 05 35	\$ 285 40
Cash Received Abatement for over 90 years Abatements Balance Due	\$	241 40 30 00 6 00 8 00	\$ 285 40
Committments, Personal Interest	\$	4,612 14 1 73	\$ 4,613 87
Cash Received Abatements	***************************************	3, 7 91 42 5 06	\$ 3,796 48
Balance Due Jan. 1, 1945		817 39	\$ 817 39
Commitments, Real Estate Interest	\$	8,888 41 7 24	\$ 8,895 65
Cash Received to Jan. 1, 1945 Illegal Assessment	\$	5,729 13 11 00	\$ 5,740 13

Respectfully submitted,

Balance Due Jan. 1, 1945

CLARA A. LINCOLN,

Collector of Taxes

\$ 3,155 52 \$ 3,155 52

Report of BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Town Appropriation EXPENDITURE	ES		\$	500	00
City Hospital, Worcester Donald A. Rutherford, Services Alice E. Daniels, Clerk Expenses Postage and Telephone	\$	114 5 15 0 15 0 1 0 8	0		
			\$	146	37
Balance			\$	353	63
Respectfully submit	tted,				
DONALD	A.	RUT.	HERI	FORD	,
			C	hairm	an
ALICE E.	DA	NIEI	LS, C1	erk	
DONALD	C. A	AGAI	? ,		
В	oard	of F	Public	Welfa	ire

Aid to Dependent Children

Town Appropriation Com. of Massachusetts, 1944	\$ 500 00 50 71	
Cash Paid to A. D. C.	\$ 53 80	\$ 550 71
Balance	 ***************************************	\$ 496 91

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD A. RUTHERFORD, ALICE E. DANIELS, DONALD C. AGAR,

Board of Public Welfare

Old Age Administration

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1944 U. S. Grant, 1944	\$	358 97 94 20		
Telephone Postage Expenses	\$	3 92 1 48 4 00	\$ -	453 17
	-		\$	9 40
Balance			\$	443 77

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD A. RUTHERFORD, ALICE E. DANIELS, DONALD C. AGAR,

Board of Public Welfare

Old Age Assistance

Town Appropriation	\$	4,200	00
U. S. Grants, 1944	·	2,830	49
Com. of Mass., 1944		2,522	05
Taunton		179	80
Rutland		135	09
Ashburnham		60	00
Check Returned		20	00

\$ 9,947 43

Paid to Recipients

lase lase lase lase lase lase	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	•	\$	394 394 500 480 480 332 360 371 371	80 10 00 00 00 00 50 50
lase				336	-

Case 11	398 40		
Case 12	390 10		
Case 13	752 40		
Case 14	76 87		
Case 15	70 00		
Case 16	15 00		
Medical Aid	477 35		
West Brookfield	58 93		
		\$	6,260 35
Alice E. Daniels, Clerk	\$ 75 00	`	•
Donald A. Rutherford, Services	15 00		
Donald C. Agar, Services	5 00		
		\$	6,355 35
Balance		\$	3,592 08

Report of

CHARLTON HOME FARM ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1944

I OIL TITE TENTE ENTERING	1 220. 01, 10.1
Land and Buildings Deposit, Savings Banks Personal Property U. S. Bonds, 3 \$1,000 Bonds Accounts Receivable from Towns Cash in Warden's Hands Cash on Hand, Checking Account	\$ 14,000 00 11,046 87 11,842 00 2,220 00 1,128 26 200 00 1,534 67
	\$ 41,971 80
RECEIPTS	1 . /
Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1944 Farm Products Sold Received from Towns and Boarders	\$ 3,116 10 1,044 56 14,328 47
	\$ 18,489 13
EXPENDITUR	
Bills Paid Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 16,954 46 1,534 67
Number of Towns Having Inmat Number of Inmates L have examined the books of the	50
I have examined the books of th	e Treasurer and the

above statement and find them correct.

CARL F. DAVIS, Auditor

ROBERT F. TUCKER,

President

LESTER P. GATES,

Secretary and Treasurer

Report of FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Town Appropriation Dog Tax Interest on Samuel Dean Fund		\$	450 00 173 56 75 04	5
EXPENDITURES		\$	698 60)
Carl M. Wheeler, Janitor Sara Butler, Librarian Ruth M. Shepard, Assistant Librarian Gardner Electric Light Co. E. E. McCarthy Co., Coke William Zukus, 1 Cord Slab Wood H. E. Gray, 1 Cord Hard Wood Denholm & McKay Co., Books Minnie A. Newton, Books Arthur White, Magazines J. S. Wesby, Binding "The Robe" Sara Butler, P. O. Box Rent, Merchandise Orton Butler, Merchandise Leroy Holdroyd, Repairing Lawn Mower	132 00 75 00 75 00 14 00 87 75 8 00 15 00 71 52 3 52 30 00 98 1 05 55 2 25			
		\$	516 62	2
Unexpended Balance Received for Fines for 1944		\$ \$	181 98 3 81	

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE A. NEWTON, Chairman DONALD RUTHERFORD

FLORENCE BOTHWELL

Trustees of Fobes Memorial Library

Report of LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of Fobes Memorial Library:

Cash Received from Fines

\$3 81

117 Books have been added this year — 81 were purchased and 36 by gifts.

Donors were: Mrs. Annie Williamson, Mrs. Grace Rood, Mrs. Walter Woodis, Mrs. Ethel Viner and Mr. Earnest Haywood.

Circulation of Books

1858

Circulation of Magazines

365

The following magazines are to be found in the Reading Room:

Literary Digest

Open Road for Boys

Time

National Geographic

Popular Mechanics Woman's Home Companion

Saturday Evening Post

American

Better Homes and Gardens

Etude

Good Housekeeping Ladies' Home Journal

Respectfully submitted,

SARA E. BUTLER,

Librarian

NEW BOOKS ADDED IN 1944

Literature in New England
Connecticut Yankee
Great Men and Famous
Women (8 volumes)
Punch In Susie
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
Mother Goose Rhymes
Happy Children at the Seaside
Rome
Celia's House

Doctor Hudson's Secret
Journal
Terror by Twilight
The Lord of Lonely Valley
Jerry Todd—Caveman
Assignment in Brittany
The Secret in the Old Attic
The House at Pooh Corner
A Guy Named Joe
Marriage for Rosamond
The Saint on Guard

H. M. Pulham, Esquire Green Light Brewster's Millions Storm Over Eden The Melted Coins Mary Marie The Constant Nymph A Yankee Flier in Italy Cherry Ames, Student Nurse Way of the Strong King of the Range A Day in the Jungle The Little Red Hen The Saint at Large I Must Ride Alone White Banners Silver Spoon Decline and Fall of Roman Empire (3 volumes) Travels in Spain Janet Ward History of Rome (5 volumes) Gas, Drive In Greatheart The Top of the World Liberty Street See Here, Private Hargrove Above Suspicion Amazing Interlude Experiment Perilous Hungry Hill The Razor's Edge Rickenbacker's Full Story Leave Her to Heaven Seigneur D'Haberville Peril at End House Big Doc's Girl The Lonesome Trail Too Many Yesterdays Bats Fly at Dusk The Rim of the Prairie Time Out of Mind Two in the Wilderness Exit a Star The Valley of Vanishing Herds 30,000 on the Hoof

Death Invades the Meeting Where Beauty Dwells Keepers of the Faith Singing Beach The Pink Camellia The Two Mrs. Abbotts Color Scheme Surgeon in Charge An Ocean Heritage Apple in the Attic Silvertip's Roundup All Night Long As the Earth Turns Kidnapped Land I Have Chosen Jim Davis The Problem of the Lost Ring Sparky Ames of the Ferry Command Whopper Book Smiling Jack and the Dare-devil Girl Pilot April Kane and the Dragon Lady The Timber Beast Old Mitt Laughs Last The Keys to the House The Emperor's Snuffbox Dogs at War Station Wagon Set What They Don't Know Buffalo Coat The Valley of Decision Texas Triggers New York Murders Brentwood Crazy Weather Polly of the Powers Model Phoebe Dean The Case of the Smoking Chimney Death Dines Out Spring Flight Book of Games

Report of CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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Town Appropriations Expenditures			\$ 400 00 34 7 92
Unexpended Balance			\$ 52 08
LIST OF EXPENDI	TU.	RES	
Sharpening Lawn Mower Painting Gate (Green Hollow) P. J. White, Labor Leon Kowal W. Boyd Arthur Webb, Stamps, Auto Expens	\$ e	5 75 15 00 314 10 6 30 1 80 4 97	
	\$	347 92	
LIST OF RECEI	PTS	5	
Perpetual Care Annual Care, 1943 Annual Care, 1944	\$	206 00 16 00 44 00	
	\$	266 00	
TRUST FUNI)		
J. Etta Bullard, Lot 40A Clarence Grimes, Lot 59	\$	100 00 100 00	
Actual Cost to Town for Care of Cem	\$ rete	200 00 ries	\$ 81 92
Respectfully subm	itte	1,	

ARTHUR WEBB, Secretary WALTER S. WOOD

Cemetery Committee

Report of TOWN AUDITOR

This is to certify that I have audited all bills approved by the Selectmen. I have also inspected the books of the Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Library, and find them correct.

> DOROTHY A. GALLANT, Auditor

Report of SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944 SCHOOL COMMITTEE

George W. Dean, Chairman	Term	expires	1945
Mary P. Crawford	Term	expires	1946
Leone B. Daniels, Secretary	Term	expires	1946

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James R. Childs Holden 12 or 209

SCHOOL NURSE

Evelyn E. Butler, R. N.		On leave, Holden 444
Esther E. Gonyer, R. N.	`	Acting, Holden 265 or 7

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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SUPERVISORS

Elizabeth S. Hagar, Music	Resigned June 1944
Winona A. Weed, Music	Holden
Winifred M Bond Drawing	Holden

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Donald Agar	Oakham	11-12
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JANITOR

Winthrop H. Boyd	Oakham 5
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term—8 weeks	Jan. 2, 1945 to Feb. 23, 1945
Spring Term—8 weeks	Mar. 5, 1945 to Apr. 27, 1945
Summer Term—6 weeks	May 6, 1945 to June 15, 1945
Fall Term—16 weeks	Sept. 5, 1945 to Dec. 21, 1945
Winter Term—8 weeks	Jan. 2, 1946 to Feb. 21, 1946

HOLIDAYS

January 1, February 22, April 19, May 31, Labor Day, October 12, November 11, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

Report of SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Appropriation for the year Expenditures for the year	\$	11,000 10,316				
Unexpended Balance Expenditures for the year Receipts from the State	\$	10,316 5,860		\$	683	20
Actual Cost to the Town			eriklish yang aygrami	\$	4,456	75
Receipts						
General School Fund, Part 1 General School Fund, Part 2 School Superintendent High School Transportation High School Tuition	\$	430 1,911 145 1,593 1,780	32 00 33			
				\$	5,860	05
Expenditures				1	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
Teachers:						
Miss Florence E. Bothwell Miss Ethel M. Braman Miss Elizabeth S. Hagar Miss Winona Weed Miss Winifred M. Bond	\$	1,200 79	04 20 40			
				\$	2,668	20
Superintendent:						
James R. Childs, salary James R. Childs, travel	\$	286 45				
	-			\$	331	80

Health:					7
Mrs. Evelyn C. Butler, nurse Mrs. Esther Gonyer, substitute	\$	79 20 48 00		7	
			\$	127	20
Grade Transportation:					
John O'Donnell Leonard A. Hardy	\$	773 28 1,658 00			
	Wasterland		\$	2,431	28
Janitor:			Ψ	2,431	40
Winthrop H. Boyd	\$	404 00			
Janitor's Supplies	***************************************	6 00			
			\$	410	00
Fuel:		0.40			
George W. Dean Donald Adams	\$	260 00 88 00			
Philip Dwelly		16 00			
	-		\$	364	00
Miscellaneous:			·		
Books	\$	122 69			
Supplies Repairs		4 50 9 50			
Gardner Electric Light Co.		37 42			
W. A. Henning Fuller Regalia Co.		75 3 00			
Marjorie Hodges		3 35			
James R. Childs		8 03			
			\$	189	24
School Committee:					
George W. Dean Mary P. Crawford	\$	10 00 10 00			
Leone B. Daniels, sec'y and teleph	'e	25 48			
			\$	45	48
High School Tuition:					
Town of Barre			\$	1,780	40

High School Transportation:

Donald Agar	\$ 247 00
Anthony Bechan	63 00
William Bechan	178 80
George Dean	119 40
John Dogul	182 00
Mrs. Evelyn Grimes	118 40
Harold Gray	62 40
Worth Parsons	171 40
Romeo Riendeau	54 40
Laural Snay	124 00
Mrs. Josephine Showalter	242 40
Stanley Sieczkarski	224 80
Percy Wilbur	122 00
Oliver Wilkins, Sr.	59 20

\$ 1,969 20

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DEAN,
MARY P. CRAWFORD,
LEONE B. DANIELS,

School Committee

Report of SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Holden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1944

To the School Committee of Oakham:

This report is the twenty-seventh by the writer and the forty-fifth in the series since the organization of the present Union.

It has been a year of normal progress in school in spite of the many distracting influences resulting from war-time conditions. The membership dropped considerably from that of a year ago, but our enrollment this fall was higher than in September 1943. Thanks to the care shown by teachers and pupils in the use of books and supplies, we have been able to meet increased costs without exceeding our budget.

Miss Hagar was elected to take charge of the Music at Exeter, N. H., and her resignation was accepted with regret. We were fortunate in securing Miss Winona A. Weed of Enosburg Falls, Vt., to take her place. For some time there was a question whether Miss Bothwell would be able to continue her services, for she had moved to Holden, but very glad to report, both Miss Bothwell and Miss Braman have added another year to their splendid records of service in Oakham. Mrs. Butler has been on leave of absence, and Mrs. Esther Gonyer has been carrying on the work of the School Nurse most acceptably. We were fortunate to find anyone to take charge of the health program. We have not been able to find anyone to serve as School Physician.

In response to the appeal from Washington for material to take the place of Kapok for Life Jackets, the pupils gathered milkweed pods. From the Union we shipped 200 bags of dried pods, representing enough floss to make approximately 100 Jackets.

We are planning to introduce the revised editions of the Elson-Gray basic reading material, and new texts in history and geography for the upper grades. In the middle grades we are using a text that combines history and geography in one volume, but much supplementary material is needed to keep pace with the rapidly changing point of view of educators in this changing world. The war is bringing about a new "world-mindedness" and with the schools lies much of the responsibility for building a new world in which "all nations are working together intelligently and harmoniously toward higher physical, intellectual and moral standards, with equal opportunity for all." This calls for re-thinking our whole educational program and no school however small may evade that responsibility.

Our Oakham schools have a proud record of achievement in building good citizenship and inspiring to high scholastic standards. All honor to our teachers for their devoted service, and to the men and women who have given time and careful study as members of the School Committee, to the best interests of our boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS,

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This report can only be for a short period, as my work has been in progress but a few months.

The Oakham School, at all grade levels, shows careful planning and teaching of music, with a high standard of attainment. We will strive to maintain this same high standard during the coming year.

One of the highest aims of a music program is the preparation for an adult life that makes music an important avo-

cation. It is my earnest desire to help, through the efforts of the teachers, to provide this opportunity for your children.

Respectfully submitted,

WINONA A. WEED,

Supervisor of Music

REPORT OF THE DRAWING SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is with pleasure I submit the following report of Art Education in the school of Oakham.

Our Art program is carried on as in previous years from the careful graded foundation Outline which we are continually building on. This includes: representation, lettering, poster design, design, space and tone relation, construction and handcraft, introduction to paper sculpture (giving effect of third dimension), modeling in clay (relief and in the round), and Art Appreciation through visual education of colored slides.

Our Art aims are high. They raise the standard of living in the home, school and community; they promote higher ideals for citizenship, social progress and National attainment. Our progress is good.

"Art Education aids America to meet war time needs." Posters in the War Effort were made. We have been extra saving on supplies and have made use of available waste material. "What the schools do may prove in the long run to be more decisive than other factors in preserving the form of government we cherish."

At Graduation in June, an Art Exhibit of the work done during the school year was hung on the walls of the Town Hall.

I wish to express my appreciation to you, the teachers,

and pupils for the fine interest and co-operation in Art Education, and to the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

WINIFRED M. BOND,

Supervisor of Art

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following report covers the school health program from January through June.

All children entering the first grade had proper vaccination as required by Massachusetts State law.

The dental clinic was held for the eleventh consecutive year by Dr. Bessie Scott with the majority of children receiving dental care either at the clinic or by their family physician. We are indeed fortunate to have this yearly service as results show. We seldom have a child attending school suffering from a toothache.

The children were weighed in January and Junc. Not a single case of undernourishment exists.

One child attended the tonsil clinic held at the Holden District Hospital.

Monthly sanitary inspections show the interest the janitor maintains in the school building.

Seven home calls were made; I find the parents most cooperative.

Handicapped by the suspension of annual physical examinations and some clinics, it is the duty of all to be watchful of minor defects and ailments so that they may be corrected before serious problems result.

Now more than ever the home and school must co-oper-

ate to prepare the child physically and emotionally to meet the responsibilities of the post war world.

To you, Miss Bothwell, Miss Braman and all the others who assisted me, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN E. BUTLER, R. N.,

School Nurse

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following report covers the last four months of 1944.

The children were weighed and measured and had all gained normally.

No visual or auditory defects were found upon completion of tests.

Weekly examinations of each child for cleanliness, posture, skin eruptions and pediculosis have been made.

Excellent sanitary conditions were found.

Dr. Bessie Scott conducted the annual dental clinic.

Six home calls were made for consultations with mothers and one child was transported to his home with acute appendicitis.

My thanks to Miss Braman and Miss Bothwell for their help in carrying on the health program in the absence of Mrs. Butler.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER E. GONYER, R. N.,

School Nurse

ORGANIZATION, 1943-1944

School	Teacher	Appointed
Grammar, V-V	VIII—Florence E. Bothwell	1897
Primary, I-IV	— Ethel M. Braman	1907
Music — Eliza	beth S. Hagar	1940
Drawing — W	Vinifred M. Bond	1941

SUMMARY OF REGISTERS, 1943-1944

Grades	Total	Ave.	Ave.	% of
	Mem.	Mem.	Atten.	Atten.
J-IV	20	18	1 <i>7</i>	94
V-VIII	18	16	15	. 94
	-	Necroscons	With agreed and the second	
Totals	38	34	32	94

ENROLLMENT, FALL TERM, 1944

Grades Boys						6 1		4	Total 21
Girls	8	4	1	1	4	0	1	2	21
Totals	9	5	3	2	9	1	7	6	42

REGISTRATION OF MINORS October 1, 1944

Children in Oakham		Boys	Girls	Total
5 to 7 years of age	\	1	15	16
7 to 14 years of age		19	13	32
14 to 16 years of age		2	5	7
			Terronalered	p
Totals		22	33 .	55 .

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATES June, 1944

Mildred Anne Bechan William Lloyd Parsons Lawrence Russell Wilkins

HONOR ROLL

Chester Showalter

Robert Riffenburg (1/2a)

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To either of the constables of the town of Oakham in the County of Worcester.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town afiairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fifth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1—To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Article 2—To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one member of Welfare Board, one member of School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, one Assessor, one Cemetery Committee, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables, three Fence Viewers and Moderator for one year, all on one ballot.

The polls will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon. Business meeting at two P. M.

Article 3—To choose all necessary town officers and

committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 4—To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 5—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and trucks in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 6—To see if the town will raise and appropriate 4 a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector and Town Clerk.

Article 7—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the following town charges: SCHOOLS, TOWN OFFICERS, PUBLIC WELFARE, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, TOWN OFFICERS AND SUPPLIES, STREET LIGHTS, INSPECTION OF CATTLE, INSPECTION OF MEATS AND PROVISIONS, POLICE, PRINTING, MEMORIAL DAY, DOG OFFICER, SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, MISCELLANEOUS, LIBRARY, CEME-30 TERIES, FIRE DEPARTMENT, INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, SOLDIERS' RELIEF, MOTH SUPPRESSION, EMPLOY-EES' INSURANCE, RESERVE FUND, FIRE INSURANCE, OPENING ROADS, ROADS CHAPTER 81, MOTHERS' AID, CARE OF HALL, CENSUS ENUMERATION, TREE WARDEN.

Article 8—To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenues of said financial year.

Article 9—To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

Article 10—To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Article 11—To see if the town will raise and appropriate one quarter of insurance on Old Town Hall.

Article 12—To see if the town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from the Machinery Account to the Machinery Fund.

Article 13—To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Article 14—To see if the town will vote to accept any Trust Funds that may be left to the town for the care of cemeteries or other purposes.

Article 15—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16—To see if the town will vote to let the Assessors use what free cash the Commissioner will allow, to reduce the tax rate.

Article 17—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to care for the Town Common or take any vote relative thereto.

Article 18—To see if the town will vote to appropriate a certain sum of money from available funds, to care for an overdraft for opening and sanding roads in 1943, or take any vote relative thereto.

Article 19—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to improve the Hunt Road or take any vote relative thereto.

Article 20—To see if the town will vote to raise and ap-

propriate a certain sum of money to improve the South Road or take any vote relative thereto.

Article 21—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for an enumeration of the inhabitants of the town as required by General Laws Chapter 9, Section 7, as most recently amended by Section 1 of Chapter 342 of the Acts of 1939, or take any vote relative thereto.

Article 22—To see if the town will vote to authorize the School Committee to re-arrange the basement of Memorial Hall and make such other improvements as the committee may deem necessary, and raise and appropriate or transfer from surplus funds a certain sum of money, or take any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

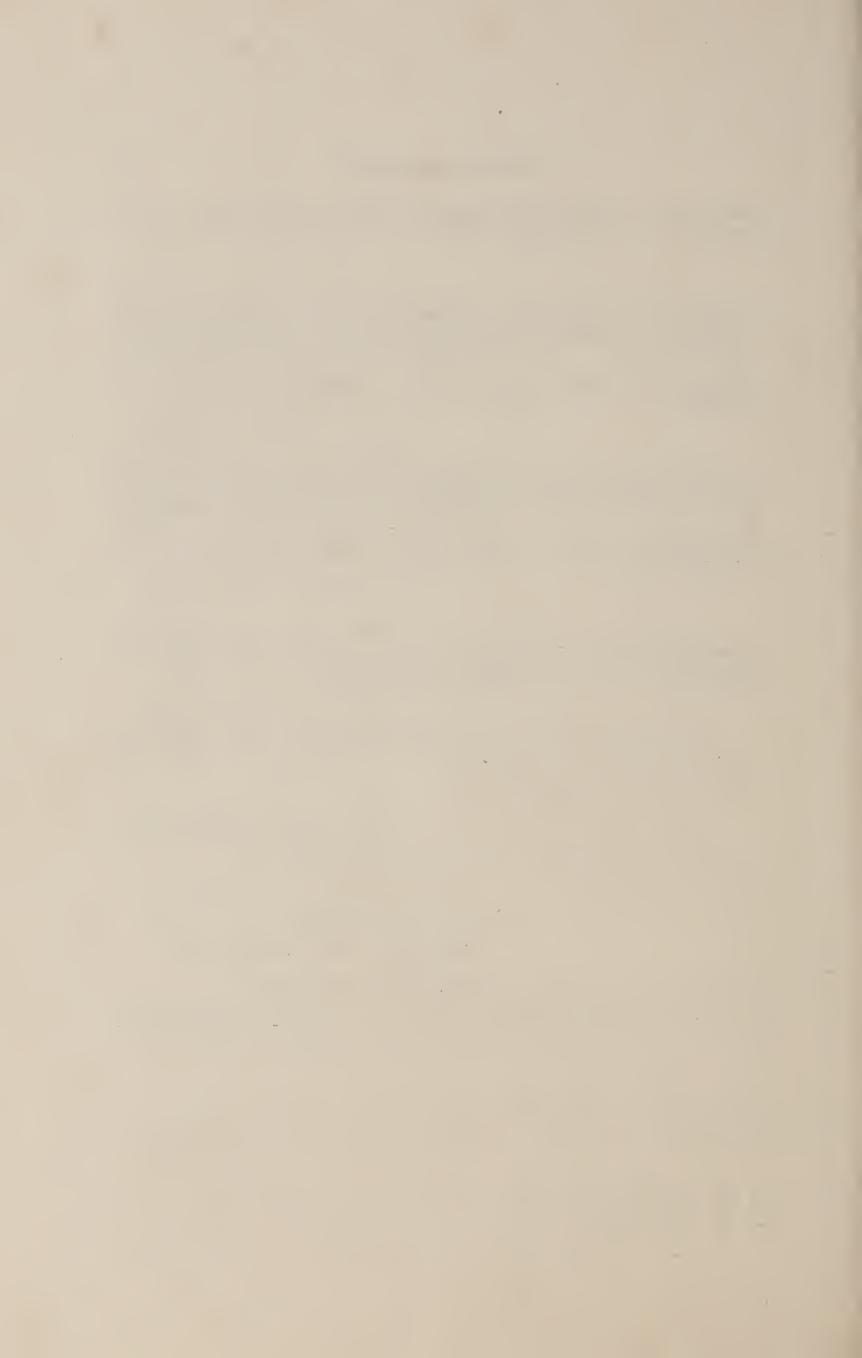
Given under our hand this sixteenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

JOHN M. MORAN

DONALD A. RUTHERFORD

LEONARD A. HARDY

Board of Selectmen





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